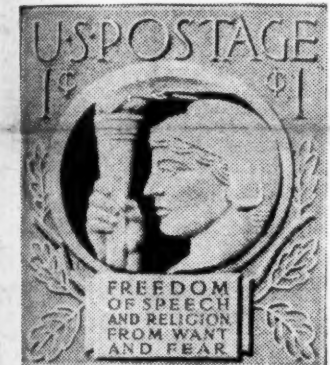


## Philatelic Economics—Comments From Australian Stamp Journal About Stamps Of Interest To All Collectors

Under the above title a writer, who calls himself "Hermes," has been contributing a series of articles to our English contemporary, "Stamp Collecting." These articles give a comprehensive review of the progress of philately since the beginning of this century and explain why the prices for nearly all classes of stamps have gone on continually increasing. Space prevents us publishing these articles in full, but we are sure that the following extracts will be found of interest to all our readers. "Hermes" points out that the stamps which have contributed to the three principal "booms" since 1914—the war stamps, the air stamps and the "Jubilees"—have one quality in common. "They are all extremely simple, very straightforward indeed, from the philatelic point of view."

### Four Freedoms Stamp Is Beautiful Product, Balance And Color Good

The new 1c Four Freedoms Stamp looks much better than advance photographs would lead one to believe. The design is nicely balanced, the color appealing, with just the right amount of highlights and shadows to make a pleasing picture. The bold center spot of solid color sets off the head and torch in such manner as to remind one of a cameo while the wording and the balance of the design is subdued enough, yet perfectly clear and plain to give the stamp a striking appearance.



Comparisons with the illustration herewith or with the photograph which came in advance of the stamp show the stamp to be far more attractive than was expected.

Unlike the United Nations 2c stamp, this stamp shows clearly what it is intended to show altho the design is symbolic in that to we here in America, our version of "Liberty" never looked like this stamp. In the United Nations Stamp an attempt is made to place on a postage stamp what could best be shown on a four sheet poster and as a result we have a blob that one must look at and imagine what it is to show. The artists work is doubtless excellent yet the subject is too great to picture on a postage stamp and resembles a mob scene on a motion picture screen.

Our thanks are due The Columbus Postage Stamp Co., Columbus, Ohio; Lester McFarland of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. Orian E. Green of Ferndale, Michigan for first day covers of this new 1c stamp.

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"I had my picture took." Thought that some of you who have been so kind and friendly in the past year might appreciate seeing just who you were sending your letters to and while it might not add a great bit to the appearance of the paper it will at least help fill up the space, so I take this means of sending greetings to all readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.  
In order that the record may be kept straight I confess to the fact that this photo was taken on February 8th, the day following my 59th birthday and the picture therefore gives a good idea of what hard work can do to a man if he keeps at it steadily for a number of years. Let this be a warning to you if you expect it live to a ripe old age.

### Recent Australian News Of New Stamps And First Day Covers

Our readers are again indebted to Mrs. Robert E. Fisher of California for advance news of new Australian stamps and covers.

A letter just at hand contains a first day cover of the new 1d plum of the same type and design as illustrated in our issue of February 11, except that the foliage at the sides are the leaves and flowers of the kurrajong instead of the flannel-flower on the 1½d which was formerly illustrated.

This cover postmarked at Waterloo, New South Wales on January 1, arrived in California on the 29th, which is considered as excellent time under present conditions.

A block of the new 2d stamp is enclosed and shows that these are also issued in sheets which have a blank row vertically through the middle of the sheet as illustrated in our issue of December 17. Mrs. Fisher states that the new stamps picturing the Queen are also issued in the same manner.

A copy of the 4d green Koala bear is also shown in the new perforation as used on these later issues. This new perforation being 14½X14 according to the Australian Stamp Journal.

### Added Half Cent Asked On Letter

Washington, February 2—It may cost 3 1-2 cents to mail a letter after June 30 if congress adopts a suggestion by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

Walker told the house appropriations committee during hearings on the postoffice appropriations bill that a half cent increase in the three classifications of first class mail would balance the department's budget for the fiscal year of 1944. The current three-cent postage rate provision expires June 30.—Tiffin (O.) Advertiser-Tribune.

## Part Perforated Defense Stamps Started The Biggest Stamp Hunt Since The Five Cent Red Errors

Years ago, during that other period when the world was afire in order that Kaiser Wilhelm might find a place in the sun for his misled people, stamp collectors of America were treated to the first real big flurry in stamp hunting on a big scale as the result of the wide distribution of sheets of the then current 2c stamp in which entries from a die for 5c stamps had been made in the plates for the 2c stamp.

Immediately after the discovery of this error, postmasters were ordered to return all such sheets to Washington. Prior to this order collectors had got the jump on the Department Officials and gathered all that could be found in offices all over the country. Even after the order for return of the stamps was issued, many postmasters disregarded it and let the sheets go to eager collectors at \$2.00 per sheet.

### Stamp Trade Supports Russian War Relief Concert In New York

The Committee for Russian War Relief planned a great concert to be held in New York on February 24th. A large souvenir program has been prepared and advertising space in the form of notes in Compliment to the Russian People has been well patronized by the stamp dealers of America. As this is prepared, ten days before the concert, already space in the program has been engaged by more than 30 stamp dealers and publishers. Linn's Weekly Stamp News is represented in this group and with all its readers deeply appreciates and admires the heroic task that has been accomplished by our splendid Russian allies.

The postage stamps of Russia, more than the stamps of any other Nation on earth, tell the story of the struggle and advancement of these people who have shown by their gallant action that independence and freedom are as dear to them as to the people of our nation.

### Designer Four Freedoms Stamp Will Autograph Covers For Collectors

Paul Manship, famous sculptor and designer of the new Four Freedoms postage stamp just issued, will, on the receipt of a check or money order for \$1 drawn in favor of the China Relief, 1790 Broadway, N. Y. C., autograph any first day cover, block of the stamp, souvenir card or cover. Send under cover with return stamped envelope to him at 319 E. 72 St. N. Y. C.

Postal services in Holland have been cut again, with special deliveries "temporarily suspended." One reason for the poorer service is the fact that many Dutch postoffice employees have been sent to Germany.

### Chicago Philatelic Society March Meeting

At the 1334th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society to be held on March 4th, Dr. Clarence W. Hennen will show a portion of his collection and relate some of his philatelic experiences.

At the 1335th meeting of March 18th, Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz will talk on the Philatelic History of Poland.

Meetings are at 7:00 p. m. at the Hotel Atlantic, East Room, Clark and Jackson street and visitors are always welcome.

### "COMPANY RIOT"

Army slang has been further enriched by the words shown above. When the mail comes in and the Mail Call is made, it is now referred to as Company Riot.

First finds were sold at fabulous prices and the number available began to increase so rapidly that piles of 100 sheets were offered at a few dollars per sheet.

Probably we will never know just how many of these error sheets were found and saved for collectors, but it is known that a few sheets of the unperforated stamps were found with the error and since these were in such small number the exact quantity is known and recorded.

Not since this error has there been a variety pop up that has caused such a scurrying by collectors, until the discovery of the 1, 2 and 3c stamps of the late Defense issue were found with unperforated spaces between some of the stamps in the sheet. This too comes at a time when the world is at war. It was like "When the Merry-go-round Broke Down" but in this instance the errors so eagerly sought by collectors came as a result of a breakdown of the perforating machines at Washington.

Sheets of many values were watched for this perforation error and while the perforating showed up quite poorly on many other values, no large number of any value have as yet been reported except a recent find of the 1½c Martha Washington stamp of the presidential issue, Bureau Precanceled for St. Louis, Mo.

Perhaps some few pairs of other values have turned up, but the quantity has been so few that of-

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## From School Boy To The World's Biggest Stamp Dealer, Like Fairy Tale

As our issue for last week was going to press there came an announcement from Mr. Stephen Harris of the H. E. Harris & Company of Boston regarding the purchase of the KenMore Stamp Company and stock. Since the information contains some matter of interest that we did not include in our previous article we are glad to give this added news which mostly concerns the rise and growth of the World's largest stamp business. A feat that reads like a fairy tale and would be beyond the imagination of some of the fiction writers of old whose stories of deeds of American youth pale into insignificance by an actual example which could not be duplicated in any other line of business.

The purchase price for the KenMore stock ran well over \$100,000 which should indicate the stability and magnitude of the Harris firm since this sum was paid in cash.

The following facts regarding the birth and growth of the Harris business are of such interest that we are pleased to put them in print for our readers. In what other field is there such opportunity. Those with similar aspirations should realize that this great growth has been due greatly to the liberal use of advertising space as well as printed lists, books and catalogues, the greatest help and tonic for business of any nature.

The Boston firm was founded in 1915 by its present owner, H. E. Harris, who was then a schoolboy in Washington, D. C. He started collecting and trading with neighborhood youngsters, and within a year was running a



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## A CATALOGUE OF PATRIOTIC ENVELOPES AND COVERS of the WAR FOR FREEDOM OF ALL PEOPLES

Compiled by  
GEORGE W. LINN and WM. H. ROBIN

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- | No. | Description   | Size |
|-----|---|------|
| 1   | Shield of stars and stripes. No wording.....  |      |
| 2   | Banner within which is picture of head and shoulders of Abraham Lincoln labeled (Abraham Lincoln) and of Sun Yat Sen labeled (Sun Yat Sen) between whom is symbol of China—with background of map of China. ("Of the People, By the People, For the People").....   |      |
| 3   | Monument as located at Lidice, Illinois, with wording (In memory of the people of Lidice Czechoslovakia destroyed by barbarism, but living forever in the hearts of all who love freedom this monument is erected by the free people of America and Lidice, Illinois, Lidice Czechoslovakia June 10, 1942 Lidice Illinois July 12, 1942. Lidice lives). At the base of the monument is a burning city and below this are two palm branches. ("Lidice—We Won't Forget")..... |      |
| 4   | Two boy scouts saluting U. S. flag as a third scout holds to the halyards of the flag which is flying on a flag pole—background of trees and sky. No wording but in small letters appears the artist's name (Nelson White).....   |      |
| 5   | Woman sitting on high back wooden chair, working on colonial U. S. flag—picture of head and shoulders of woman on the wall. No wording but in small letters appears the artist's name (Nelson White).....   |      |
| 6   | Pictures famous painting "Spirit of '76". No wording.....   |      |
| 7   | Four U. S. flags so draped that staffs form "V"—with palm leaves making a circle in front and behind the flags. No wording.....   |      |
| 8   | Soldier saluting with background of flag. No wording.....   |      |
| 9   | Oblong shield of stars and stripes with ribbon across center, and below shield. No wording.....   |      |
| 10  | Head and shoulders of Uncle Sam with his high hat. No wording.....  |      |
| 11  | Statue of Liberty—below and in front of statue's stand is a small U. S. flag waving on staff. No wording.....   |      |
| 12  | Eagle with "V" spread wings encircled by palm leaves, and stars at top proportion. ("Win the War.").....  |      |
| 13  | U. S. flag flying on staff, with halyards. No wording.....  |      |
| 14  | Battleship at sea with second ship in background—below this picture is a life buoy. (United States Navy. The Nation's Life Buoy).....   |      |
| 15  | Liberty bell with red, white, and blue bow tied ribbon on wooden form from which the bell hangs. (Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto the inhabitants thereof.)....   |      |
| 16  | Pictures head and shoulders of General Douglas MacArthur below whom is U. S. flag on staff crossed by a sword, with palm leaves. (Gen. Douglas MacArthur.).....   |      |
| 17  | Globe of the world below which are men and women of the United Nations led by Uncle Sam. (United Nations.).....   |      |
| 18  | Arm and hand holding torch. (Freedom of Speech and Religion, Freedom from Want and Fear.).....  |      |

part-time approval business by mail in after school hours. The first real break came in 1920, when the young stamp dealer was approaching his eighteenth birthday. The demand for stamps was great, following the "stamp famine" induced by World War I; and American dollars had impressive buying power abroad. In company with another stamp dealer, and financed by a well-to-do friend who knew a good speculation when he saw one, young Harris made a three-month's buying trip to Europe. The venture turned out profitably, and gave him the backlog of capital which enabled him to expand his business steadily thereafter.

Ten years later the Harris or-

ganization was employing about 25 people, and was well-known in the stamp trade as a large mail-order business noted for its picturesque advertising, rapid service, and reliability. Then, strangely enough, during the worst depression years, came its greatest period of expansion. From 1930 to 1935, while bonds and stocks crashed, banks failed, and huge corporations experienced dismal years, the Harris organization grew rapidly into the largest stamp firm ever known in this country or abroad, employing nearly 250 people, and moving to its present quarters which occupy two floors of a large office building. Mr. Harris has always regarded his success throughout the depression period as a striking tribute to the enduring popularity of the stamp hobby, and the fundamental soundness of stamp values.

### FIRST DAY 6c AIR MAIL

The Jack Knight Air Mail Society made an effort to have the new 6c air mail booklet stamp issued first day at Chicago, pointing out that it was at Chicago on February 23, 1921, at Checkerboard Field where the first plane landed after its flight through transcontinental air mail. Jack Knight, pilot of the plane is the man for whom the society has been named.

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The most common occurrence of a phantom is usually double or two appearances of the imprint. One of these being the regular one in dark print, and the phantom one in a lighter print. However, it is not uncommon to find cases in which this phantom appears three and even four times along the sheet margin.

I have discovered perhaps the dean of them all in a Bottom Block of 20 of #526c. Type 4 from Plate #10884. The bottom margin on which the Plate Number is normally printed has in addition to its normal number, the phantom imprint of eleven other similar numbers in varying intensities of print. Thus one can read across this marginal strip the number "10884" in twelve separate and distinct spaces. No doubt a record hard to beat. Moreover, to make sure that this item is not surpassed for some time, I can add to the foregoing phantom, the appearance of the arrow markings in

four spots along this same bottom margin.

Recently I have either seen or heard that this type of freak occurs very often on the various values in the current presidential series. If any of my readers finds these or similar varieties I would like to hear from them so that we may list them in this Korner.

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# Private Stamp For Free Mail

## Use Is Forbidden By Post Office; Many Used In Army Camps, A Rare Collector Item—Linn Buys Stock

One of the most interesting covers that have come to collectors during this present war is that with the Free Mail Label as illustrated again in these columns. Something of the history of these labels should be preserved for collectors and we have made an effort to learn as much as possible about their origin and use.

Two clippings telling much of the story are at hand from old copies of the Chicago Tribune and are from the stamp column of Mr. Richard McP. Cabeen. Perhaps quoting these articles will be the best way to tell the story for they seem to be complete in many respects. The first article is quoted completely after which a few additional bits of information are given and then further quotations from the second article by Mr. Cabeen add to the story.

### From Chicago Tribune

Following the official announcement of the postoffice department giving free postal service to letters of the armed forces of the United States, a "Free" label was prepared for use at the Albuquerque Advanced Flying School at Albuquerque, N. M. It is understood that the label was designed by an officer at the school and promoted by him.

This "Free" stamp or label was such a success at the flying school that the promoters decided to feel out the market at other army posts and camps and sent out samples with an explanatory letter to each. The results exceeded the most optimistic hopes and orders poured in from all sides. When the project was well under way the office of the third assistant postmaster general called a halt, and while the sale of the label has not been prohibited, according to the Albuquerque correspondent of this department, the request was made by the department that the promoters should refrain from soliciting business.

The labels measure 20 mm. wide by 25 mm. high, and are spaced about 4 mm. apart in the sheet. The design shows the bust of an infantryman in the foreground. At the left is a view of tanks and at the right a warship, while above, against a background of clouds, appears a "V" formation of airplanes. Above the pictorial representation of the armed forces appears the inscription "Postage," "Free," and "For Victory," while below is another inscription reading "U. S. Armed forces" appears the inscriptions printed in blue with the exception of the words "Free," which is in red. These two colors on the white paper give an interesting use of the national colors.

The unused labels which have been seen by this writer are in sheets of 50, five subjects wide by 10 high, but there are some indications that the original printed sheets may have been twice this size. The individual cliches may be electros or stereotypes set up in a form for use on a job press. The alignment and spacing is very good, and the color register is above the usual quality. A few minor differences are found in some of the cliches and appear to be the result of stereotyping and routing. The labels are printed on previously gummed paper and are rouletted about 13 1/2.

The sheets of 50 labels have advertisements at top and bottom, both being printed in red. That

at the top reads, "Gay and colorful stamps on letters mailed from the U. S. armed forces make the Homefolks feel good." The notice at the bottom states that the stamps are protected by copyright and patent applied for, and contains the imprint of Babcock & Borough, 214 W. Gold, Albuquerque, N. M., printers of the labels.

The labels were supplied to the camps at rates which would permit them to be sold at 10c per sheet and still leave a profit to the camp. At the time of their introduction quantities passed thru the mail without bearing the sender's name and the designation of his unit. The incentive to use them is largely defeated at present, since the law is being interpreted to require the written word "Free" on each envelope, in addition to the sender's name and rank and the designation of his unit.

### Used In Other Camps

Mention above gives only the name of the Advanced Flying School at Albuquerque where these labels were first used. We understand that they were later offered for sale at three or four other army camps and our own collection has copies that came from Camp Roberts, Calif. If other camps used the label we would be glad to have names of such camps.

### More From Tribune

A recent issue of The Stamp Collector of The Chicago Sunday Tribune described a "Free" label designed for use at the Albuquerque Advanced Flying School. Now it is possible to give further details through the cooperation of Rex Borough, of the firm of Babcock & Borough, which produced the stickers.

The idea for the stamp came from Leon B. Noory, aviation cadet in the bombardier training school. Mr. Noory is not unknown to aviation students, for he was the designer and publisher of the first bombardier log book in use in the service and he has designed and published exclusive stationery for pilots, navigators and bombardiers in the air corps.

The stamp was designed by A. M. Babcock, art director and member of the firm of Babcock and Borough, an advertising and printing establishment of Albuquerque. Mr. Babcock may be remembered by some as having submitted a design for the Coronado Cuarto Centennial which received favorable mention altho it was not used for the stamp.

Mr. Borough has informed this department that the sheets of fifty stamps constitute the full sheets as printed. There had been some reason to believe that full sheets may have contained 100 subjects which were divided before being sent out. In making the plate a single zinc etching was made from the original drawing and fifty black proofs from this zinc were mounted in correct position on a card. The whole layout was then rephotographed to make two identical zinc plates which then went through the router to remove the word "Free" from the plate which was to be used for the blue color, and to remove all except the word "Free" from the plate to be used for the red color. The inscriptions and imprint were type set at the ends of the red plate.

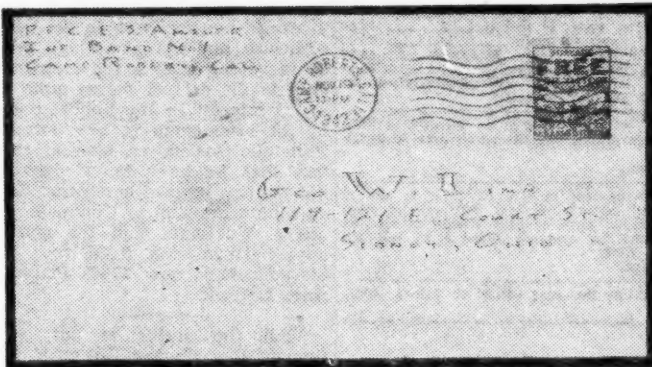
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Actual size reproduction of Forbidden Free Mail Label, made in sheets of fifty stamps, five wide by ten high and printed in two colors and rouletted.



## Disputed Label Used On Cover



he states only that it is "contemplated" that such data shall be handwritten. The order states that letters mailed under the act giving free postage to members of the armed forces shall "bear" the word "Free" in the upper right corner and the name, rank, etc., in the upper left corner.

Mr. North further states in his denial of approval that "the stickers are in similitude of and approximately the same size as some postage stamps and would cause confusion when attached to the outside of letters, and letters bearing such stickers would not be acceptable for mailing. I, therefore, regret to say that approval cannot be given to their use in the manner desired, and it is kindly requested that you refrain from advocating their use on any mail matter."

At the time the first delivery of stamps was made a sheet of fifty was forwarded to the office of the postmaster general at Washington requesting the approval of the department. On April 25, Roy M. North, acting third assistant postmaster general, denied the request for approval, stating that the use of such stickers does not meet the requirements of Order 17352, that is, the order granting free mailing for first class matter to members of the armed forces of the United States, "for the reason it is contemplated that the word "Free" and the name of the sender, his rank or rating and the designation of the service shall be handwritten on the letters by the member himself." Actually Order 17352 does not specify that the above mentioned data be handwritten, and it will be noted in Mr. North's communication that

Between the time when delivery started on April 18 and the receipt of a letter from Mr. North, a total of 3,257 sheets, 162,850 stamps, had been marketed. These were distributed to four army camps on orders received before Mr. North's ruling was received. At some later date

it may be possible to name the four camps from which it should be possible for a collector of war covers to obtain envelopes bearing these labels.

Bearing in mind that Mr. North had mentioned the similarity of these labels to actual postage stamps, a second design was prepared in the form of a triangle made up with a blue "V" and a red "Free", etc. This was shown to Mr. North thru the office of Senator Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico, but it suffered the same fate as the first design.

### Linn's Buys Reminders

Recognizing that collectors would want copies of these labels for adding to their collections of War Covers and the like, the publishers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News contacted the producers of the labels and arranged to buy the remaining stock before it might be destroyed.

After some correspondence with Mr. Borough a price was agreed on and the entire remaining stock consisting of between 1000 and 1100 sheets was obtained. A careful examination of the sheets revealed no misprints or errors in printing. There was only a single sheet in the lot that was badly off register and beyond this the only difference noted was in the shade of the blue ink which runs from deep blue to a pale light blue.

There is still some possibility that these labels might get through on covers from different points, it would depend entirely on how careful and strict the postmaster at any given camp might be. It is a fact that there have been many different printed and hand drawn designs used in the place of the manuscript "FREE" as required by regulations.

For the benefit of collectors wanting sheets of these labels, the publishers have arranged to supply them and an offer will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Weekly.



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## Philip H. Ward To Offer William West Collection At Auction Sale In April

One need only scan the brief list of remarkable items in the collection of the late William West, Philadelphia, to realize that here is a collection that was built by a real lover of fine and rare stamps. Probably no collection of recent years has had more choice individual pieces of the really fine things in U. S. stamps than can be found in this collection which is to be sold at auction. Besides the rarities which every true collector can admire, there is of course a complete and thorough showing of all the lesser items so that every collector, no matter what his means will find material in plenty that will be of interest.

Starting with our 1847 series we find mint singles of both values. Two mint blocks of the 5c and another block on the entire cover. A magnificent pair of the 10c on cover and a strip of four off cover. A perfection 10c vertical split. He was especially fond of cancellations and the most unusual are to be found on and off covers from 1847 through 1869. He endeavored to obtain, and was rather successful, every main variety listed in the catalogue.

In 1851 there is a 1c type I (7R1E) on cover, a mint block of type II from the rare plate 3, the type III (99R2) in single and in strip, the only two covers known showing the types II and IV in combination. One of two known 3c on cover cancelled with tombstone inscribed "Used and Done For." The 5c mint and two strips of four used. The 10c and 12c mint strips. Four 12c splits from California.

All of the 1857 are present in blocks. There is the strip of 5c brick red on cover that sold for \$1000 at the Chase Sale. Several used copies of the 90c. A 1c strip showing pair imperf. between, on cover. A 3c part perf. pair on cover supposedly unique. Several of the 24c and 30c on covers.

Among the 1861-1867 issues are two covers with 10c and 1c used as carrier, a rather rare combination, a grand lot of the 5c buff on and off cover, mint blocks of most denominations including a very fine 15c with large grill.

The 1869 are present in blocks from 1c to 12c mint as well as very fine used blocks of the 30c and 90c. He was fortunate in obtaining the three inverted centers 15c, 24c, 30c, in very fine used condition. There is a beautiful 30c on cover.

From 1870 to 1888 many blocks, covers, unusual combinations,

## New Wholesale Price List Is Now Available

Mr. L. M. Passmore who does business under the name of The Pacific Importing Company has a well established reputation on the west coast as well as across the country as a wholesale dealer who has an excellent stock of many items. He has long prided himself on his stock of single stamps of many of the European countries and with conditions as they now are this material is difficult to obtain. His new 1943 list is now available to dealers and that should be sufficient information to lead you who need merchandise to get your copy at once, address at Box 562 Glendale, Calif.

Another wholesale list that always has items of interest to the dealer is that of R. G. Simpson & Co., 121 E. Barnes Ave., Lansing, Mich. Dealers who have not seen copies of this new list will find it well worth asking for.

most of the Special Prints including the rarities.

There is a set of imper, pairs of the 1890 issue, a mint 4c Columbian Error, all of the 1894 and 1895 in mint blocks including a block of eight of the 1894, \$5, the 8c Omaha part Perf., pair, the 2c St. Louis in similar condition, the 5c imperf. error in large block, the Von Steuben imperf. in block and the Kosciuszko in pair.

There are two volumes of California covers. Here we have the Pony Express, well represented, the other Express covers, galore, Wells Fargo used on the envelope, many Ghost Towns, Pictorials, and other Postal Markings. Mr. West was very much interested in his California material and went out of his way to find the unusual.

The same remarks apply to a wonderful assortment of covers carried on the early Mississippi packet steamers that navigated the lower Mississippi and tributaries.

Carriers, Patriotics, Propaganda covers, and Departments round out one of the most unusual collections of United States postage stamps to come upon the market.

The Executors for the estate have arranged with Philip H. Ward, Jr., to sell the collection in its entirety at auction at the Collectors Club in New York the last week of April.

Mr. Ward is pleased to announce that Mr. Stanley B. Ashbrook will be associated with him in classifying the stamps and preparing a magnificent well illustrated catalogue which will be available in short order.

A detailed announcement will be made through our advertising columns and those interested in obtaining a catalogue should write at that time, altho applications for same may be made to Mr. Ward now, at his address, 1616 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## COMMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA STAMP JOUR. ABOUT STAMP

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They also provided a most convenient opportunity for a mild gamble at the time of their issue, as one or a few countries could be purchased separately, or, alternatively, the complete set made an excellent little collection in itself. Those who wished to make a more serious investment had ample scope, and there are speculators who bought the whole series in complete sheets. Prices have constantly risen—and are still rising—and even if the larger speculators unloaded it would make no difference to the market; demands still exceed supply. Fairly large numbers were printed, but not enough to satisfy the widespread demands of collectors in all parts of the world, plus the thousands of new collectors who had been recruited by these astoundingly popular stamps. There had, in fact, never been such a run on any stamps previously.

The demands for these pictorials spread to other series of the same type, and sets of picture stamps which had not previously enjoyed any particular popularity began to be looked for. In many cases it was found that stocks of many of these were unexpectedly low, and sharp rises in nearly all stamps of this type were recorded—even in the stamps of many foreign countries hitherto neglected. In short, commemorative and pictorials took on a new lease of life and there are today thousands of enthusiasts who restrict their collections to this type of stamp alone.

"It would be interesting to calculate, if it were possible, the actual increase in capital investment in the philatelic world occasioned by the holdings of such a group as the Jubilee issues. The face value, of course, would be considerable, but, as so many are so particularly well aware, very much less than present worth. Reckoning on the basis of £40 per set for unused or used, ten thousand, more or less, complete sets would total £400,000, whilst stamps in collections, dealers' stocks and speculators' holdings of the commoner types would, in aggregate, be worth more than the figure given; so a million pounds should not be an over-estimate—not bad for one commemorative series."

One point stressed by "Hermes" is that stamps have an international market value and so during violent fluctuations of currency form one of the most stable of investments. "In recent years, owing to political unrest and various other disturbing causes in various parts of the world, more particularly in Europe, many currencies have, to say the least, been unstable. Others, though seemingly stable enough, have been supported by artificial devices of such a nature that there was always the possibility of their collapsing at any moment. Therefore, citizens of many European states have been attracted by stamps as a commodity of international value, not in their opinion, subject to any serious depreciation in a world market. Stamps, it might be said here, have turned out to be the goods—the citizens have been correct in their selection of an investment media. World upheavals have not depressed the stamp market, except perhaps temporarily; rather, have stamp values improved in troublesome times; at any rate, in comparison with other forms of investment, the results have proved most favourable.

"At the present time it is obviously impossible for us to know with anything like certitude what is going on on the Continent, but there is no doubt stamps are holding their own in regard to money's worth. So much can be gathered from reliable neutral sources. The market in South and North America is decidedly strong—this we do know quite definitely—and is particularly active in the United

States. In a recent number of a weekly stamp journal published in New York there were announcements of no fewer than twenty-three firms who are holding auctions from time to time; this alone is ample evidence of a plenitude of buyers and sellers."

Recent increases have not been entirely due to the war. "Restriction of imports certainly has affected stocks, particularly of commoner stamps, thus sending up prices inevitably. In the same way, rarer stamps have to a large extent been prevented from coming into the country, but it must not be forgotten that the export market has been seriously curtailed, so increases in price of this class of stamp cannot be put down to wartime restrictions.

"There has, of course, been a certain amount of destruction of collections of stamps through enemy action—in one or two cases serious losses have been suffered. This must affect the prices of rare stamps to a certain extent, for these are difficult to replace even in normal times, without their rarity being enhanced by fire and water.

"The real and permanent increases in stamp prices have been caused through the enormous growth in the popularity of the hobby. The ever-growing numbers of collectors in every part of the globe are continually creating a progressively strong demand for stamps of all kinds. Unused stamps used stamps, stamps ancient and modern, rare stamps and

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Precancel  
NEWS

BY KENNETH M. GIERHART  
Baltimore, Ohio

Canada.

Number two of Mr. Campbell's articles I believe tell us all we want to know about the purchasing of precancels in CANADA. At present Canada has cut precanceling to the bone. About 200 places are furnished the familiar general type of three pairs of parallel lines when precancels are called for, no city name or numeral being on them. The capital of some provinces even are using them. Probably 25 cities at the present will use precancels with the numeral of their city on them, no city names being used at all now. No values over 3c are used. Toronto 1c is the only precancel so far on the 1942 or War Issue. Precancels can be bought at the city using them on small orders for collecting purposes. The Ottawa agency does not sell them, except the 1c coil cancelled with the familiar pair of lines in three groups. No city type coils used. Experience in getting them at issuing city varies, and as no list is published it is difficult to get the exact issue desired. One city still supplying the 1922 2c green. As a whole the postmasters are courteous and send well centered stamps, but nothing is guaranteed. None over 3c are issued now. Send self addressed envelope. (And return postage etc. too.)

**A Wedge.**

Speaking about the recent new issues Phillip Ward, Jr., has made the following remarks in a recent issue of Mekeel's "The Philatelic Agency has been dying a slow death and we trust this shot in the arm will be followed by more substantial treatment." Now I may be way off key as far as dealers are concerned but here goes anyway. I'll duck every thing thrown if no more than one at a time does the heaving. WHY NOT SELL BUREAUS at the agency. Set up the rules just so no one is excluded or so that no group can be favored. Would this ruin Bureau Print collecting? (Did it hurt or promote U. S. Collecting?) Would this be better than buying the same thing at the various offices? The selling of Bureau Prints at the Agency would be a step toward the general dispensing of all types of precancels at the various offices. Or would it?

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ferings of them for collectors have not been made.

When finds of this nature are made, the finders, if they wish to make the most from their find are reluctant to give out much information as to quantities found and in the case of the Defense issues, one can only guess as to the number of pairs or blocks that are available.

It is stated that most finds were made throughout the southern part of the United States although finds in Boston and other northern cities are also recorded.

Mr. Abraham Winick, in his "Freakcorner" column in our issue of December 24th makes the following estimate of the numbers found, and attempts to make an estimate of a fair value on the various items. We reprint that bit of information here for your guidance.

- 1c Defense, pairs, 3,500, blocks, 1,000.
  - 2c Defense, pairs, 4,000, blocks, 1,500.
  - 3c Defense, pairs, 5,000, blocks, 2,000.
- Judging from this table one can conclude that a fair value on these items is as follows:
- 1c Defense, pair, \$5.00, block, \$12.00.
  - 2c Defense, pair, \$4.00, block, \$10.00.
  - 3c Defense, pair, \$3.00, block, \$8.00.

Just how accurate his figures are will never be known for we are told of finds which the finders simply laid aside to let them mature.

The average finder is anxious to cash in and therefore dumps his find immediately for a quick return while the finder who is financially able is satisfied to sit quietly and let the market absorb the first offering after which a price is more or less established and from that point it is certain to go up so long as the holder of the surplus does not feed them out too rapidly.

We have attempted to learn but without much success, just which plate numbers were on the sheets found. It makes little or no difference as the unperforated stamps were not near the plate numbers and thus blocks with plate number are not available. We have been told however that 2c sheets with the numbers ending in 700 and 701 were noted and these are probably 22700 and 22701. We are also told that the 3c sheets bore the numbers 22694. What other numbers were found we have not heard.

We have some interesting information from a dealer whose name we will not mention and we feel that he would prefer that we did not do so.

This dealer states that the breakdown in the perforating machine which resulted in the part perf. stamps was between March 31st and April 9th. That puts it most all in the first nine days of April. Postoffice Department records show what stamps were printed in this period. That is the published records as shown in official announcements tell us on what day certain plates went to press. These records however do not state dates for printing of Precanceled stamps, but it is evident from the find of the St. Louis 1 1/2c Bureau Precancel that these must have been printed in the ten day period covered by the dates above. A list of precancels issued in March is quite lengthy, so that others printed in this 10 day period may be found, although it is probable and possible that the bulk of the printing in this period was on the three Defense stamps and that this St. Louis may be the only precancel that will be found.

Collectors who had the proper information simply went to Post Office Clerks and asked them to examine the bundles of stamps which bore a date between March 31st and April 9th, for all such bundles are dated and thus the search was narrowed down so that if anything bearing the dates mentioned was in the office it was worth looking over.

That the perforating machine was cutting up capers is clearly evident from the fact that in some

bundles of 100 sheets as few as ten sheets might be found with unperforated pairs or blocks in the sheet. So far as I have been able to learn nothing bigger than a block of four has been found. Some sheets would contain a block of four and a pair or maybe two pairs separated by perforated stamps and at the same time one or two pairs or a block in which one or two perforation holes only would appear. All of these different pairs or blocks might be found on a single sheet while other sheets would show none.

It is a fact that these varieties all came from the center of the sheets of 400 stamps. Plates are printed two at a time and any postoffice bundle will alternate two plate numbers through the pile.

The heavy electric eye markings came down through the center of the plate of 400 stamps. All of the errors occurred between the 9th and 10th row of stamps from the left panes or between the first and second row of stamps in the right hand panes. Some instances showing unperforated gaps showed between the electric eye markings and the vertical row of stamps next to them.

We are told that in some bundles of the Defense stamps as many as 35 sheets might show the errors, but that on the whole it is believed that the error occurs in about one sheet out of every fifteen that were printed.

In the 1 1/2c Presidential, the plate numbers were 22414 and 22415 and the unperforated varieties were found in all four panes from these sheets but only in the center rows as stated above.

Many collectors will refuse to buy these stamps because precanceled, yet that is a legitimate government cancellation and the variety is a legitimate error and will have to be catalogued and accepted as such by any collector who hopes to show a representative collection.

The question then arises as to the value of these stamps and that is a matter that we will leave you to estimate for yourself or judge it by such offers as are made. We have noted pairs offered at \$12.50 and blocks at \$30.00. The varieties with but one hole or two holes are offered at \$2.50 and \$1.00 respectively and some of these we have seen are so good looking that they look imper at a glance, the holes appearing to be pierced with a pin point and not cut out the small discs from the hole remaining in it and looking as though unperforated.

A block of these stamps was offered in an Auction sale by Elmer Long of Harrisburg, Pa., in his sale dated February 18th. We will be interested in the price this block fetches. We also note the stamps offered in an advertisement in this paper.

It is well known to collectors of Bureau Printed Precancels that the average printing of precanceled stamps is a half million or a million stamps. Facts at hand lead us to believe that this St. Louis printing was of one million stamps, which means 10,000 sheets of 100 stamps or 2500 sheets of 400 from the two plates.

It is believed that a number of these stamps were sold at the St. Louis office before the error was discovered and that the finders probably secured about 8500 sheets, maybe something less, but taking 8500 sheets as a basis and figuring a pair of block in one sheet in each fifteen and we can see that there were about 566 sheets in which a pair or a block or both were found.

We have been given some figures which lead us to believe that the number of pairs is somewhere around 550 to 600 and the number of blocks from 175 to 200. It is noted that there are about three pairs to every block that is found. This same ratio works out very closely in the reported number of Defense stamps as mentioned by Mr. Winick.

With this information you can

form your own estimate of value, but there is another factor that will enter into these stamps and their value and that is the market to Precancel collectors. Some people scoff at these boys but there are many of them who have paid as much as \$100.00 cash for certain of the rarer Bureau Prints and there are enough of these collectors to absorb this entire find at any reasonable figure or at a figure near what was asked for the Defense varieties. This fact will have to be considered by collectors and it would seem evident that this stamp will be a much different stamp than the Defense issues since these were printed for general distribution throughout the country and were found in many offices and this stamp is a short printing for one special office and no more like it will appear.

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Northwest Airlines, Inc., will inaugurate passenger and airmail service to Green Bay, Wassau and Eau Claire (all in Wisconsin) in the near future. These new stops will be on AM-3, and will probably be a new routing between Milwaukee, Wis., and Minneapolis, Minn.

This is the first time that Wassau and Eau Claire have had any airmail service, and the first westward dispatches for Green Bay, so these covers should receive catalogue recognition. Milwaukee-Green Bay covers may also be listed.

As yet there is no information as to the date of the inaugural flights. As soon as it is available, it will appear in this column.

According to an item in "American Aviation Magazine," mid-Continent Airlines (operators of AM-26 and AM-48 and Northwest Airlines (operators of AM-3 and AM-45) will soon merge into a single company, to be called Northwest Airlines.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Dodge City, Kansas, says that there was no airport dedication on February 1st, just the first flight via AM-43. However, most covers being held at Dodge City for the dedication were dispatched on this date. There were about 3,000 covers mailed and dispatched on the first flights.

Thanks for news and clippings to Maurice S. Petty, J. D. Livingston, and Gus Lancaster.

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## Kildroy P. Aldrich Now First Assistant Postmaster General

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker announced on February 15, that Ambrose O'Connell, First Assistant Postmaster General, has submitted his resignation, effective March 1.

Kildroy P. Aldrich, now Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department, has been chosen to succeed Mr. O'Connell as First Assistant Postmaster General. Jesse M. Donaldson, now Deputy First Assistant Postmaster General, will succeed Mr. Aldrich as Chief Inspector.

Mr. O'Connell, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, in Wapello county, has held various high positions in the Post Office Department since 1933, when he entered the service as Special Assistant to the Postmaster General. He is leaving the Department to assume the post of Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Aldrich, born at Alhambra, Illinois, entered the service as a railway postal clerk in 1897, and later served as a post office inspector, a part of this service being with the American Expeditionary Force in France during the First World War. In 1927 he was made Inspector in Charge of the Chicago postal division. He was appointed Chief Inspector of the Department in 1933.

Mr. Donaldson, a native of Shelby county, Illinois, entered the postal service in 1902 and has continued in it since, except for a brief period in the Adjutant

## VOX-POP

February 16, 1943

Dear George:

A short time ago you raised the question in your paper as to whether the mail deposited in the post offices of the APO's was postmarked at the APO or postmarked at the home office as it came through there.

Because I did not have time at the time, I sent you a card with a quotation from the postal bulletin stating that this mail was all postmarked at the APO., but I told you at the time that I doubted the veracity of the department's statement, though it is hard for me to conceive why it would make a statement otherwise. I have a nephew at APO No. 5 which is located in (censored). He wrote me a letter on December 26, 1942 and another on December 28, 1942. The letters were postmarked at the overseas location as of February 11, 1943, and they were both received by me on February 13, 1943.

Now assuming that as the department says these letters were postmarked at the location of the APO, then how in the hell did these two letters get from (censored) to (censored) in two days? And another thing, if they were postmarked at the department says at the location of the APO, then why did they have to lay in that base post office from December 26, 1942 until they were mailed out on February 11, 1943, as the postmark on the envelope would indicate they were mailed.

The whole thing sounds screwy to me, (censored) though the

General's Office in the Department of War. He was appointed a post office inspector in 1914 and served in the inspection service until 1933, when he was promoted to Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General. He was named First Assistant Postmaster General in 1936.

world ought to be told.

On February 1, 1943, I received a letter that was written by another nephew of mine whom I think is in Iran. It was the ordinary type of letter sent free and was written on January 11, 1943.

On February 8, 1943, I received a V-mail letter from the same boy that was written on January 9, 1943. Thus the V-mail letter was about ten days slower than the ordinary one and yet the department and the army and navy urge the use of V-mail. Hardly any of my patrons use it anymore because their experiences have been the same as mine, the ordinary letters go through quicker than the V-mail.

Something needs a damn good straightening out, but I seriously doubt if you or I could do it. Ha. But maybe you can tell the world about it. Perhaps aside from the satisfaction obtained, it would amount to nothing either.

Frankly, I think half of this mail is not postmarked until it reaches the states in order to hold down criticism, and half of the slowness is due to an indifferent, lazy censorship. If they don't have enough censors to get this mail out, then let them employ some more censors. They have got so many men in the armed services now they don't know what to do with them.

There isn't anything sensible that I will not give up to win this war, but such stuff as this "bread slicing" and have the school bus driver leave his bus at the end of the route, walk eight miles home at evening and eight back the next morning and the bus sit outside along the road in sub zero temperature to save gasoline appears to be pure poppycock to me.

Now that I have found someone who couldn't help himself

to unload this spasm of mine on, I feel better.

Since it is below zero here today, hardly see how I got so hot under the collar, all at once.

Good luck to you and Mrs. Linn and the Weekly.

Yours very truly,  
"Censored"

To the Editor:

I cannot understand how so many intelligent collectors who know so much about stamps, know so little about the postal laws, and regulations.

In the last few months I have received at least half dozen packages by parcel post, which contained stampless, first day covers, etc. hand addressed or typed different names, which the post office considers FIRST CLASS MAIL. Invariably they are opened by the post office in N. Y., which seems to be the most particular in the country, and I have had to pay from one dollar to three or four dollars first class mail rate. It was no use refusing any of these consignments, as the Post Office would send them back to the sender, who would have to pay the first class or double the rate.

Collectors should make inquiries of their postmaster, show what they are sending, as any hand written up collection, etc. is considered first class mail and the only cheap way is to send by EXPRESS.

As there are probably fifty auction dealers in the country, this must be experienced by many of them also.

This, I trust, will be of value to collectors who send material for auction.

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